

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

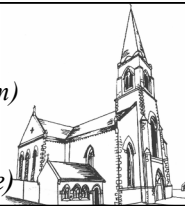
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Masses and Services: Live streaming www.mcmedia.tv (*link on website*)



Easter Thoughts and Thanks from Fr Colm

The Easter Season has begun, fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, during which we reflect on the many appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples, pondering the mystery of God raising his Son to new life, the mystery of Christ's triumph over death, the mystery of light conquering darkness, the mystery of love overcoming hatred. Darkness descended upon our world when journalist Lyra McKee was murdered on the streets of Derry on Holy Thursday night. We woke up on Easter Sunday morning to hear of terrorist bomb attacks on packed churches and hotels in Sri Lanka, murdering over 250 men, women and children. "We must change our world, one piece at a time" was the motto of Lyra McKee, a child of the Good Friday Agreement, who grew up to champion its hopes for the people of this island. At her funeral service, Fr Martin Magill in his homily, and to spontaneous applause and a standing ovation, urged political leaders to seize this moment as a doorway to a new beginning, a new opportunity for reconciliation and the restoration of the power-sharing institutions. During the Easter Season, we pray that the power of love and compassion will make its presence felt in our terror-ridden and grief-stricken world.

It was heartening to see so many new faces getting involved in different liturgical ministries during Lent, 8 new Ministers of the Word, 6 new Ministers of the Eucharist and 5 new Collectors, who were commissioned on Holy Thursday evening, while all existing ministers renewed their ministry. We are grateful to them and to everyone who helped with and participated in the liturgies of Lent and Holy Week: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, the Service of Reconciliation on Monday evening calling us to humble repentance, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper in which the newly Confirmed participated wholeheartedly, the simplicity and starkness of the Good Friday liturgies, the Stations that night drawing us more deeply into the mystery of love in suffering, and the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses proclaiming the power of love in overcoming fear and violence.

The countless hours spent in sewing together the Garment of Suffering is greatly appreciated. And the altar servers excelled themselves, especially at the Easter Vigil. The decoration of the Church was done tastefully and to the Altar Society, to Maureen Cunningham who looks after the candle shrines throughout the year and to all who helped, especially to the Easter Garden team, our sincere thanks. James Gavigan looked after the palms, the Cross and the Easter fire with his usual gracefulness. We are grateful to Maeve Murray and the Senior Choir and to our young singers Roisin O'Donnell, Lauren Mc Hugh and Jenna Curran, with Sara O'Donnell, who excelled. The Children's Celebrations on Holy Thursday and Good Friday were simple and moving, while the Junior Choir, under Ann O'Donnell's direction, accompanied by Sara O'Donnell, with Miriam Curran, greatly enhanced the celebrations. Sincere thanks to the Parents' First Communion Group for their help with the practices and celebrations and to all who helped. Ann, the Parish Secretary, coordinated everything with her usual efficiency and cheerfulness and Patricia O'Boyle, our Sacristan, was very attentive and always reliable in attending to so many tasks. The church interior and grounds are maintained to a very high standard by Marzena, Jackie & Richard of Community Employment from the Killybegs Community Project and we are very grateful to them and to Colin and Ann Marie.

May the love of the Risen Christ continue to sow seeds of hope, reconciliation & peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

First Communion 'Do This in Memory' Celebration:

Next Sunday 5th May 11am.

Celebration of First Holy Communion:

Saturday 11th May, 11am.

Can last year's parents help with the party in Forester's Hall? Please let Ann know in Parish Office.

First Friday Calls: Thurs & Friday 9th & 10th May

Rosary at the Immaculate Heart Grotto, Fintra Rd each day in May, 8pm. Everyone welcome

Sacrament of Baptism Congratulations

Welcome to the Catholic Christian Community

Donnacha Patrick Cunningham

Odhrán Francis Alexander Harkin

Conor Patrick Cassidy

Aoibhe Sinead Doherty

Ayda Mae Byrne – Connaghan

Fíonn Joseph Gallagher

Isabel Rose Vial

Cian John O'Sullivan

Oscar John Christian Caseley

Florence Saoirse McGeever

- **Sunday 28th April 2019:** *Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday* *Cycle C*
- **Weekday Readings:** *Second Week of Easter*

Saturday 27th April: 07.00pm - David & Jackie Meehan (1st & 2nd Anniversaries)
Johnny McGowan (Anniversary)
Oliver Cunningham (8th Anniversary)
Mary & Michael Carr (Anniversaries)

Sunday 28th April: 09.00am - Francie & Paddy Gallagher (Anniversaries)
11.00am - Anne Dorrian (Month's Mind Mass)

Monday 29th April: 10.00am - Special Intentions

Tuesday 30th April: 10.00am - Special Intentions

Wednesday 1st May: 10.00am - Vincent Cunningham (2nd Anniversary)

Thursday 2nd May: 10.00am - Deceased members of the Bray family

Friday 3rd May: 10.00am - Special Intentions
7.00pm - Kathleen Erskine (1st Anniversary)

Saturday 4th May: 07.00pm - Connie Gallagher (Anniversary)
Joe McCrudden (Anniversary)
Bernie Cahill (20th Anniversary)
Shaun O'Neill (6th Anniversary)

Sunday 5th May: 09.00am - Tony O'Callaghan (1st Anniversary)
11.00am - Denis Nolan (Month's Mind Mass)

Adoration: Sunday 6pm - Monday Midnight **Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm
Rosary/ Divine Mercy Adoration Room Tues 6.45pm - 7.45pm

Pray for: Maggie Maloney, Teelin, whose funeral was in Carrick on Wednesday; Nora Grimes whose funeral was in Ballyshannon on Thursday; Eugene McGuinness, Portnacross; Suaimhneas Siorai.

Trócaire Boxes please return remaining envelopes

Rehearsal for Choirs
St Mary's, Stranorlar, Tuesday 30th April 7pm

Fintra National School
Fundraising Quiz in Foresters Hall
on Friday 3rd May at 9.30pm. Please Support

Blessed Sacrament Adoration
28th April - Patricia O'Boyle
5th May - Bríd Callaghan

Darkness Into Light Walk Saturday 11th May
4.15am. Funds raised to Pieta House.
To register: www.darknessintolight.ie/

Sunday Collection € 1,800.00
Restoration Fund
Envelopes 20th & 21st April € 2,585.00
Total Restoration Fund: €3,066,850.43

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season 2019
One Day Retreats begin 4th May;
Three Day Pilgrimage begins 31st May.
[www.loughderg.org / 0719861518](http://www.loughderg.org/)

Thank you for your continued generosity

May Sunday Rota

READERS
Vigil 7pm: Trudy Quinn, Ann Marie Bourke
09.00am: Breege McGuinness, Tracy Meehan
11.00am: Lena Gavigan, Conor Conaghan

COLLECTORS
Vigil 7pm: Donal O'Donnell, Trudy Quinn,
Ann Marie Leslie
09.00am: Cathal Conaghan, Bríd Murphy
11.00am: Rosemary Kelly Kathleen McBrearty
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Vigil 7pm: Máire McGuinness, Lisa McGing
Patricia O'Boyle
09.00am: Christine Smith, Linda Gallagher
11.00am: Mary Boyle, Mary Cunningham,
Anna Rose Doherty

Killybegs Tidy Towns Clean-ups
Sunday 28th April, 2-4pm. All help welcome.

Regional Employment Outreach
The Regional Officer will be in Forester's Hall
Thursday 9th May 10am - 12 noon.

Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376
Riverside Tea Room Saturdays 10am - 2pm.
Comhrá le Cupán Tae, Wednesdays 11am.
Tiny Tots Friday 3rd May 10-12.30pm

Bluestack Challenge Fundraising Walk,
Saturday 8th June. Register: 074 9740828

Dunkineely Community Centre
Jiving Classes Tuesdays 8.30 - 10pm.
Social Dance Sunday 28th April 8 - 10pm.